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54.	2001	19th February	Jammu	Pakistan
55.	2001	21st March	Jammu	Pakistan
56.	2001	14th September	Nepalganj	Nepal
57.	2001	24th September	Darbhanga	Nepal
58.	2001	2nd November	A&N Islands	Not known
59.	2001	2nd November	Mechuka	China
60.	2001	19th November	Mechuka	China
61.	2001	23rd December	Nunnabao	Pakistan
62.	2002	11th February	Gurdaspur	Pakistan
63.	2002	15th April	Gorakhpur	Nepal

Maintenance of Russian made submarines by Visakhapatnam Dockyard

781. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Visakhapatnam dockyard has specialization in the maintenance of Russian made submarines;

(b) if so, whether Iran has sought Indian assistance to maintain its four Russian made submarines;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Iran and India have also agreed to hold joint naval exercises; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Recruitment of youth in armed forces

†782. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that youths are not reaching in adequate numbers for recruitment into the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Defence expenditure

783. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRIMATICHANDRAKALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the percentage of expenditure on defence compared to GDP during 1998-2002, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):The percentage of net expenditure on Defence compared to GDP at market prices during 1998-2000 is as follows:

1998-1999	2.29%
1999-2000	2.44%
2000-2001	2.38%
2001-2002	2.37%

GDP data used in this calculation for the years 1998-2000 has been taken from Economic Survey, 2001 -2002 and for 2001 -2002, it is based on the estimates of Ministry of Finance.

Proposal to repeal Article 371

†784. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to repeal Article 371 alongwith Article 370 of the Constitution, since Jammu and Kashmir has been granted special status under Article 370 similarly Nagaland has been granted such status under Article 370;

(b) the views of Government with regard to Article 371 since

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